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Savannah April 28. 1815.

Stephen Taber

You have doubtless already been apprised of my having come here for the purpose of taking passage in the Ship Lorenzo for Liverpool. — Her loading will be completed to day & should the wind be favourable we shall proceed to sea to morrow. She has on board under deck 1075 bales Cotton weighing 336656 lbs @ 2½ ₰ per lb & 79 bales on deck weighing 24418 lbs. 20 of which we take @ 17.59 @ 3/4 c. The whole amount of freight amounts to £2887.16.9. The cargo according to custom must be re-weighed in Liverpool & the freight calculated on the number of pounds it may turn out there. There will probably

be a loss of about 4 per ct. but notwithstanding the freight will amount to a very handsome sum. I it is very fortunate for us that Fish & Grinnell engaged it at the time they did — as freights have been falling ever since. I have now by this days post 1 3/4 for Liverpool. One Ship was taken yesterday at 1 1/2. Capt Dunbar has not yet closed his accounts I am therefore unable to inform you of the expences of the Ships. I shall write to G Grinnell & before we sail & to him I refer you for further particulars.

with much regard &c

W L Russell

Savannah Apr 28. 1815

Fish & Grinnell

The Lorenzo is at last loaded & should the wind be fair, will go to sea to morrow - She has on board under deck 1075 bales Cotton weighg 336656 lbs & 79 bales on deck - 20 of which weighing 5822 lbs P & 59 weighg 18596 3/4 - The whole amt of freight is £2887.16.9 - but on this there will be a draw back - as Sturges & Burroughs positively refuse to pay it on the Savannah Tax I shall endeavour to get it in Liverpool - Capt Dunbar will forward you his accounts by this mail & will draw on you for the balance due S & Burroughs for the expence of compressing 348 bales Cotton - The charge 150 cents per bale, which I find on enquiry is the usual charge - The Ref you

put on board is sold some at a profit & some at a loss - so that we shall about make both ends meet - that put on board for Ships use is very bad. Capt Dunbar complains bitterly of it - Your favor of the 6th inst informing me of your having contracted to import 200 Crates @ 70 p.ct advance in the Lorenzo for the Owners at I have rec.d - I am very glad you have made this contract & have no doubt it will turn out a good one - For your kindness in procuring letters of introduction for me, which you say you shall send by the Phocian - please accept my thanks - The Lorenzo has been a long time loading but as other Vessels have been longer & none loaded in a shorter time I feel satisfied Capt Dunbar has done his best. it is impossible to do

things in a hurry here particularly at this time when the Port is so crowded with vessels — business is very dull here — & freights low & scarce one vessel loading for Liverpool @ 13/4 & I have been informed to day there is one taken up @ 1/2 — Cotton is 17 cents — — W.S.R —

Savannah Apr 28. 1815

Gilbert E Russell

I have devoted this evening to give you an account of myself since we parted at the Albany Basin — We did not get to sea till the 8th inst & had but just got clear of the Hook when the wind came ahead — I soon found the Boyne was a miserable old thing & our Captain an old granny & that we should have a long passage — the wind continuing ahead drove us across the gulf stream — in which we experienced continual gales with the most awful thunder & lightning I ever saw — After beating about ten days

we took a fair wind - with all sail out
our Ship could not exceed seven knots -
we at last drifted into Charleston after 17
days passage - My fellow passengers were
not very agreeable companions - they consisted
of a young Irishman a Catholic - he observed
his religion strictly & would not for the
world eat meat on friday or saturday -
the others were Jews - a young man & his
wife & an old lady - they also strictly
observed their religion & would sooner
jump overboard than eat a piece of pork -
The Jew made a great deal of sport &
was the butt of the whole ships company -
he was a great Coward, & in a thunder squall
was frightened out of his senses - at such
times he would go to prayer - he was very
earnestly engaged one night on his knees
when the Ship gave a lee lurch & sent
trunks, chairs, & every thing moveable

upon him & to compleat his distress the light went out - he bawled out furiously, for steward, captain, mate & at last for me - I lied in my birth laughing at him - he was so highly affronted at it that he got over his fright & went to bed badly bruised & scratched - a few days after we caught a Porpoise & tried out the blubber - I recommended the oil to him for his bruises & the fool actually rubbed it all over himself & got into bed - the next morning we could not live in the Cabin for the dreadful smell of the oil made, nor did we get rid of it the whole passage - his is a great Beau & very rich - he however forgot all the tricks I played him on our arrival in Charleston - & was very kind & attentive to me - invited me to his house & treated me with his best wine &c —

I took the mail stage from Charleston to Savannah - it hardly deserves that name for it was no better than a waggon & the horses very bad - the first part of the road was very interesting from its novelty - We passed several plantations & saw the Rice & Cotton growing - The Country is remarkably level, a sandy soil & very thinly inhabited - in some parts we travelled 20 miles without seeing a house. through pine woods - I saw a great plenty of wild game on the road, from Deer down to Squirrels - I thought that had you & I been among them with our guns they would have suffered - Quails were very plenty & thousands of Rabbits & some wild Turkeys - I was one night & day on the road, a distance of 112 miles - which will give you some idea of Southern travelling -

I have been in this place a week - it is one of the most disagreeable places you can imagine - nothing to be seen but Cotton, Rice & negros - I look forward to the hour when I shall imbark with much impatience - I shall go down to the Ship to morrow morning & am in hopes to get to sea in the afternoon —

The weather has been very pleasant since I have been here - not so warm as I expected - vegetation is as forward as it is in Bedford in July - Peas I have had so long that I have got tired of them - Strawberries & blackberries are also very plenty - You & Fanny are in Bedford I expect long before this - give my best respects to her & to all your family & believe me with much regard your affe Cousin

W. T. Russell

Savannah Apr 29, 1815

Com[o] Grinnell Jr

I shall go down to the Ship this morning & am in hopes to get to sea this evening - The Lounge has on board &c (the same as F & G's letter of 28th inst) -

The Ships disbursments amount to $650,85 - Capt Dunbar has a little more than enough to pay that sum - we hope to pay F & G's - the expense of comprising 548 bales Cotton - Capt Dunbar has given them a draft on F & G for that expense - The Beef is sold at $14 except 8 bbls which we cannot sell at present at any rate - it is put into the hands of Bettings Wm & to act for F & Grinnell for it - Capt Dunbar has forwarded his accts to F & Grinnell

Liverpool 6mo 6. 1815

Fish & Grinnell.

I arrived here on the 1st inst making the Lorenzo's passage 31 days from Savannah. She is in dock & partly discharged & not likely to met with any detention. B B & Co have already engaged nearly a full cargo of Crates @ 40/ pr ton & some Iron @ 12/ She will be loaded & ready for sea in ten days or a fortnight, this would make my visit in England so very short that I cannot think of returning in her. The Euphrates & the Bedford vessels are expected daily, I shall take passage in one of them. Nothing scarcely from America could come amiss to this market except flour. Cotton is in great demand & has been selling readily at 21 to 22d for upland, but in consequence of several arrivals within a few days the price is depressed a little, but I am informed

the manufactures supplies are exceeding small & that the demand will be equal to all that can be spared from the U.S freights I expect will again be brisk with you & I am in hopes you will be able to get another good fit for the Lorenzo on her return — As I shall not return in the Lorenzo I wish to learn what interest I have in her entirely under your direction to manage as you think will be most to my interest Insuring 2500 dolls insured on the Ship — Your letter by the Phocion I found on my arrival here with the letters of introduction from F Thompson — they are very acceptable — I have had the good fortune to meet with Mr Sharpe of Richmond here we are going to London together in a few days — Yours &c WJR

Liverpool 6 mo 6 1815

Liverpool 6 mo 6 wrote to Father informing him of my arrival & of my conclusion not to return in the Lorenzo ——

per Milo Liverpool March 9. 1818

Isaac Howland Jr & Co
New Bedford

I have purchas'd the sheathing Coppur for you agreable to Coxe Gridley & Co's order at 134£ and shall ship it by the Lovings - the freight is 20/ per ton - I cannot hand you an Invoice of it now - not knowing what the Shipping expunces will be - but as soon as it is shipped on board I shall send you Invoice & Bill of lading - I purchas'd it of the most respectable house in Liverpool and have no doubt it will prove to be of the best quality - I have forwarded your order on Sam.l Williams London to W & I & B Laurens which will be collected without any expence - the balance after paying for the Coppur I shall leave in the hands of W & I & B Laurens agreable to your direction - since I

purchase a Copper Mine River - and could not be bought to day for less than 14¢ — I was apprehensive of a rise from the best information I could get - & therefore paid it immediately on my arrival. -

I am respectfully
your obedt Servt
Wm J Russell

Postscript to the above —
and due to duplicate

March 13. 1818

I have this morning rec'd a letter from W & W Laurence in which they mention they had rec'd the balance of your amount from Sam'l Williams amounting to £254 - I have not yet paid for the Copper & therefore cannot say at present what the balance in your favor will be but in a few days shall be able to forward the bill — respectfully yours

W J R —

Liverpool Mar. 13 1818

Copt Rinnell Jr
New Bedford

I have this morning
rec'd a letter from W E & C B Laurence
London in which they mention they had
transfered the balance of your account
£195.5.5 pd to the credit of Laurence Willis
& Co according to my request & which I
shall make use of as far as it will
go to pay for the Cargo purchased
for you. W E & C B L have invested
the Dollars put in Stemp at 4/37 ½ per
& shipped 75 tons on freight at £6
per ton. They have no doubt she will
be quite full. The Lorenzo will
be dischanged to day - she is advertised for
New York but the prospect for fret
is small. &c — W F R —

Jun Milo Lpool March 19. 1818

Corns Skinner Jr

Since writing you on the 15th inst. I have discovrd some of the sheathing on the Ships Larboard bow is wash'd off & so low down that it is impossible to repair it without going into dry dock — She cannot go into dry dock till the 24th but in the mean time we can take in any freight that may offer — most of the quick work needs calking — the Seams being very open — we have this day ingaged 100 Ts 150 Crates at 10/ this is very small yet but the regular Traders have taken them at the same rate. I am in hopes our frt will come up to £400 — we talk of sailing on the 5th but it is more than probable it will be the 15th &c

WSK

per Ann

Liverpool Mai. 24. 1818

Fish & Skinner

On discharging the Lorenzo we discovered a part of the sheathing on the Larboard bow is wash'd off & so low down that it is impossible to repair it without going into dry dock, which will occasion some delay

I have taken 81 tons Coal on owners account - 150 Crates at 10/- is all the freight we have engaged at present but we expect to do as well as our neighbors by waiting a little

It is possible you may have an opportunity to dispose of the Coal before we arrive - if you can obtain 12 Dolls for it you are at liberty to sell it - it is coarse & of the best quality - called Low Orrell -

Mr Willis says you may warrant it to be equal to that shipped per Euphrates

I don't expect we shall be ready to sail before the 10th or 15th of Apr—

Respectfully Yours
Wm Jno R—

Liverpool March 25. 1818

Corn. Grinnell Jr

I have just received your letter dated 2mo 12, with Daniel Ricketson & Sons Draft on Thos & John D Thornely for 1/8th of the nett proceeds of Ship Golconda's freight to Havre— I have called on the Thornelys who inform me they have not received the remittance but are expecting it every day & will pay the order as soon as they do receive it— When I mentioned in my letter to you from New York that I should make use of the

nett proceeds of the Lourzo's freight for joint account of the owners, if it could be done to advantage - I certainly did mean that of the present voyage -
I have not yet settled for your Copper or for Isaac Howland Jr & Co's - it is not yet weighed - but will be in a few days - as soon as possible I shall send you Invoices & Bills of lading -
I have got 14 Dry Goats on owners account, which is all I have been able to get made - they cost the same as George Howlands - superior you'll a bushel of letters I write since I have been here I remain &c. Yrs

W J R -

Liverpool March 31. 1818

Coms Grinnell Jr

Enclosed is Invoice & bill of lading of 11 Cases Shathing Coppers amt. £ 372.8.3 shipped per Ship Lorenzo for New York.

I have taken on board the Lorenzo 39 C 2. 27 Shathing Coppers for account of the Owners amt. £ 253.13.4 of which you will please inform them that they may effect insurance if they please — The Lorenzo is in the Graving dock yet when she must remain till the 4th or 5th of the tides although her repairs will be completed to morrow her Shathing is not so bad as expected 20 pounds I am in hopes will pay the Carpenters bill — We have no freight of consequence engaged but it is

out of the question I find to get any while the Ship is in the graving dock - There is a great many goods shipping & Mr Wells thinks by waiting till the 15th Apr we shall make a Valuable good for

W & R

Liverpool March 31. 1815

Isaac Howland Jr & Co.

Enclosed is Invoice & Bill of Lading for 11 boxes Sheathing Copper shipped per Ship Lowry for your a/c. & risk £371.12.9 -

I have acknowledged in a former letter the rect of £284 for W. E. & E B Laurence being the balance of your a/c with Isaac Williams

I cannot ascertain the balance of
my fathers Ac with Laurence Willis
&c this morning for which you
gave me his order I am therefore
unable to say what balance is
due you after paying for the copper.
I have not been able to get the
copper on board & to ascertain
the act & charges this day —
Tomorrow I shall ascertain
the balance due you & will leave
it in the hands of W E & E B
Lawrence agreeable to yr direction

Yrs respectfully &c

W Y R

Coms Grinnell Jr

To Wm T Rupee Dr

1818

March 31. To Amt Invoice of 11 Cases
Sheathing Copper shipd
per Lorenzo ——— 372.8.3

" — To Cash p for 12 copper
Ladles — ——— 4.2.6

£376.10.9

Credit

" — By Cash of W & C B=
Lauren for balance
of his Ac with them. 195.5.10.

By Laurens Willis & Co
for balance —— 181.4.11

£376.10.9

Liverpool Apr 4. 1818

E. E. Wm T Rupee

Liverpool Apr 4. 1818

Coms Grinnell Jr

Above is your Ac
the balance £181.4.11 is your debit
with Laurens Willis & Co

Yrs

W T Rupee

Isaac Howland Jr & Co.

To Wm. T. Rapsee Dr

1818

Mar 31. To Amt Invoice of 11 Cases
Shishing Copper shipd
per Lorenzo — — — £ 371.12.9

Apr 4. To Cash remitted W E J=
-E B Laurence thro. the
hands of Laurence Willis & Co — 116.1.1

£ 487.13.10

Credit

Apr 4 By Cash rec'd of Laurence
Willis & Co. for balance
of G Rapsee's Act with
them — — — — 233.13.10

" — By Ditto rec'd of W E J.
E B Laurence for bal.ce
of y.r act with Sam.l
Williams of London — 254.0.0

£ 487.13.10

Liverpool Apr 4. 1818

E E — Wm.m T Rapsee

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Liverpool Apr 4 1818

Isaac Howland Jr & Co

Annexed I hand you my account with you. The balance due you after paying for the Copper is £116. 1s which I shall this day remitted to W E & B Laurens of London according to your directions.

Respectfully Yrs

Wm Rupert

New Bedford July 12. 1819

Laurens Willis & Co

Liverpool

The Ship Lorenzo Capt Smith is chartered to load at New Orleans for Liverpool - She sailed for New Orleans on the 12th of June - Capt Smith has Orders to address the Ships to you - as there is but little probability of her getting much freight home & wishing she may return direct to New York to undergo some repairs - I wish you to put on board 250 tons of best Canal Coal more or less according to the fit that may offer & despatch her

for New York, unless something very advantageous should offer for some other port in that case you are at liberty to accept it—

The Ship is insured to New Orleans & Liverpool & back to a port of discharge in the U. States & a return premium should the risk end at Liverpool—&, the Ship return to New York with Coal please forward an Invoice of the Coal to Fish & Grinnell by the first vessel after it is on board, that they may make sale of it before the Ship arrives—Respectfully yrs

W. T. R.—

New Bedford July 12. 1818

Capt Charles Smith
of Ship Lorenzo
Liverpool

I have written to Laurence Willis & Co to put on board of the Lorenzo a quantity of Orrel Coal more or less according to the freight that may offer & despatch her for New York - unless something very advantageous should offer for some other port in which case they are at liberty to accept it - I wish you to be present when the Coal is purchased & see that it is of the best quality - get the coarest

you can find & don't take any
that has been wet —
any hints to you upon economy
I trust are unnecessary — get what
is necessary for the ship that
she may return in good order —
Let Laurence Willis & pay
all the Ships disbursments, but
bargain for every thing yourself
& sign every bill before it is
presented to them. & in all
cases be governed by their advice —
On your arrival in New
York address the Ship to Fish
& Grinnell & should I not be
there be governed by their

direction — The Ship is insured from New York to New Orleans & Liverpool & back to any port in the U States. a return premium shorter the risk end at Liverpool

with much esteem &c

W. Rufsell

Henry Coit Esq
New York

New Bedford 14 Jan 1819

I have not been able to see Mr Thatcher this morning — he does not object to the disbursments of his Brig in New Orleans, but says it is impossible for him to raise the money immediately — he is in good circumstances, owns a good farm

& is sole owner of the Gen Jackson
& he gave me a letter to Messrs Jones
& Mignath which is enclosed
authorizing them to have stores
issued on the Brig – which will
secure you in case of a loss –
Mr Thatcher has the reputation
of being an honest man & will
no doubt pay you if you will
give him time, but I do not
suppose it will be in his power
until he receives the earnings of
his Brig from the voyage to
Rotterdam – If I can be of any
further service to you in this
business you may command me

Respectfully yrs
WW Lee

New Bedford 25 June 1819

Henry Coit Esq
New York

I have rec'd your favor enclosing Fish & Winnell's Order for Capt Taylor draft on Thatcher - also yours of 18 inst. & should have replied to them before, but have been waiting in hopes of obtaining some security from Thatcher - I am sorry to say I have not been able to obtain any thing from him - The farm which I was informed belonged to him I find on more particular enquiry belongs to his father & the only property which he possess'd was

the Gen[l] Jackson - before I rec[d]
your letter of 8[th] inst[t] the news of the
loss of the Gen[l] Jackson had
reach'd here & the underwriters
were immediately trusted for
more than the amount insured, thus
the policy would be of no use to
you - The draft I shall retain till
the time of it being due expires,
& will then have it protested -

Respectfully yrs
W. J. R -

N Bedford 24 July, 1819

Henry Coit
New York

I have received yours of 16th inst - That Chu has not lately been in town - whenever I meet with him I will try to ascertain whether Packard agreed to be responsible for the draft -

The Bill has been regularly protested - I think it will be best to keep it until Capt Taylor returns - if you wish it sent to you, write me & I will forward it immediately - should there be a possibility of recovering any thing for you I will use my best endeavours to do it -

very truly yrs,
W L K

New Bedford Aug 2. 1819.

Henry Coit
New York

I did not receive
your letter of 26th ult to till this morning.
Agreeable to your request I send you
the protest of Capt Talyors Bill on
Thatcher with the original Bill.
I can obtain a copy at any time here
if it should be wanted from the notary.
I wrote you on the 24th ult. by the
Packet. Thus you see I have been a
more punctual correspondent than
you thought me — but I must acknow-
ledge I have been rather neglectful
in writing, but not designedly so —

Respectfully Yours
Wm R —

N Bedford 15 Sept 1819 –

Wright & Low
Liverpool

Your favor of 12 Jany
I did not receive till within a few
days having been absent from home
several months – I find in compairing
the bill I sent you when in Liverpool
with the one you have sent me, there
is an omission in the former of 1 pr Trowsers
2 flannel Singlets, & 1 Vest, amounting
to about the difference in the two bills
namely £3.13.9 – which sum I have
charged to Capt Cook to pay you –
Annexed is an exact copy of the bill
you presented me in Liverpool, which
I shall consider as a satisfaction to you
to have to compair with your books
Respectfully yrs
Wm Rotch

New Bedford Sept 14. 1819

Ny Coit
New York

Capt Taylor has been in Dartmouth, but I did not hear of it till after he had left altho' I had a person looking out for him — he must have kept himself very snug while in this neighborhood or I should have caught him — I cannot find out when he has gone but think it most probable to New York — From what I can learn Taylor has no property — I don't believe you can get any thing of him if he is caught — I have received your propositions to Thacher to wait the year with interest but he says it is utterly impossible for him to pay you in that time

& I really believe it is – if you should wait five years I think it extremely doubtful whether you will get any thing – You must not make any apologies for the trouble you give me in this business I am willing to do every thing in my power to recover the debt for you –

very truly yr frind
Wm T Rupell

20th Sept 1819 – Drew a Draft on Fish & Grinnell in favr Jos. Ricketson for $150. 60 ds after date ——

N. Bedford 22 Sept 1819

Capt Abisha Delano
Charlestown N. Hampshire

We think of fitting
the Ship Lorenzo a whaling voyage to
the Cape of Good Hope this Fall
provided we can get a suitable master.
If you like to undertake another whale
voyage I will take charge of the Lorenzo
or will give you a 1/16th —
The Lorenzo has just arrived at
New York from Lisbon — she was
sheathed last winter, the sheathing
fastened with Copper nails, & her
hull thoroughly overhauled — should
we send her a whaling we
would Copper her — She is a good
substantial vessel — has always
made short passages & is a better
sailer than the generality of merchant
men — she is 335 tons & we think

will carry about 2600 or 2800 barrels of Oil - The whaling business promises to be good this coming year here - Whale Oil is now worth 40 cts - Sperm 80 cts a parcel was sold within a few days @ 85 cts - we think a Ship might obtain in eighteen months 2400 barrels of Oil - calculating two of it to be Sperm & the Sperm to be worth double the whale would be equal to 3000 barrels of right whale —

We cannot say positively at this moment that we shall send the Young a whaling - but we shall be obliged if you will give us an answer as soon as possible whether you will go the voyage for the lay mentioned provided we shall conclude to send her - If you accept our offer

we will not keep you in suspense but will make up our minds immediately after receiving your answer — We are respectfully Yr friends

Signed by — { Henry Rapsen
Cornr Grinnell Jr

October 5, 1819 Purchas'd of Abraham Gifford in company with Cornr Grinnell Junr One eighth of Ship Persia now on a Whaleing voyage to the Pacific Ocean, at the rate of $28,800 One half Cash, the other half in four & six months —

Bedford 9th Oct 1879

Fish & Grinnell

New York

Capt Kempton is going to New York to morrow to take charge of the Lorenzo again he informs us his main & mizen standing rigging is very bad & not suitable to go a whaling voyage — the Owners request you will get what rigging is necessary & have the Ship put in good order ready for business, you will of course get the rigging on the best terms possible & in every thing economise all you can for us — We are in hopes that in a few weeks time business will revive & that you will be able to get a Jet for the Lorenzo

whenever any freight offers which you think will answer, you are at liberty to accept it — We wish you to settle with Capt Kempton for the Lisbon voyage, he is allowed primage on the Salt — you must calculate the freight at whatever is customary — We leave to Capt Kempton to be governed entirely by you in settling the Ship's

Respectfully Yr Friend

Wm Russell

New Bedford Dec 9. 1819

W & E Lawrence & Co
Liverpool

I request you will
loan the goodness to get me from the
Cole-brook dale Foundry two Sper-
maceti refining Kettles & six Try pots
viz-

1 refining Kettle about	7½ bbls	
1 — Ditto —	Ditto —	6 bbls
1 Try pot —	90 gallons	
3 — Do —	66 gallons	
2 — Do —	36 gallons	

The two refining Kettles I wish to
have made in the same form as
those you sent to Capt Grinnell Jr
last Spring & of the same size - it is
probable they have the same
moulds at the Foundary they used
for C Grinnell Jr's Kettles - I request
you will have them cast as
soon as possible & ship them

to New York consigned to Fish & Trinnell - I hope they will be ready in time to come out in the Euphrates - Enclosed is a letter of Credit from W. Roach & Co for a sum not exceeding £100 which you will please make use of to the amount of cost & charges on the pots & Kettles -

I cannot find by my accounts that Whittingham & Dawson have of Salt provisions for the Lorenzo was paid - I must therefore presume it was not - The Lorenzo is going to Belfast, her freight money will be remitted to you when you receive it I will thank you to pay this bill say £19.14.6 -

I remain respectfully
Yr friend
W J Rufsell

N. Bedford Jany 28. 1820

Fish & Grinnell

New York

I request you will effect insurance on Ship Louisa for my account - say Five hundred dollars, on freight to Belfast - Fifteen hundred dollars on the Ship the voyage round, if you have obtained the Charter to Wales - if you have not obtained the Charter to Wales have the insurance, one to Belfast only -

Respectfully
Yr friend
Wm T Rotch

New Bedford 4th Aug 1820

Tucker & Carter
New York

I request you to send me as soon as you can have it made 14 fathoms 9 inch Main Stay, hawser laid - for Ship Lorenzo -

Your favor of 22nd ult I have rec'd with the Cordage - it is very handsome & quite equal to our expectation, except the Worming & Spunyarn which is not so good as it ought to be -

~~I shall want you to send me a few~~
Please write me at what price you will furnish common laid Cordage for running rigging for. I shall want more than enough to rig a Ship complete -

The Towline has not yet been rec'd I hope you will not delay sending it, for fear there will not be time to have the quantity we shall want

made, should it be approved of —

Dimentions of Bolt Rope for Ship Lorenzo —

60 fathoms of 4 inch
20 — " — 3 1/2
40 — " — 3 1/4
75 — " — 2 3/4
75 — " — 2 1/2
60 — " — 2 1/4
100 — " — 2
40 — " — 1 3/4
40 — " — 1 1/2

360 fathoms of 13/4 in. White rope
36 Skeins of Houseline
6 — do — Marlin
120 lbs 2 yarn Spun yarn —

New Bedford 24 July 1820

Tucker & Carter
New York

Above is a memo of Bolt rope &c for Ship Lorenzo, which I request you to forward by the first Packet, the Sloops Justina & Ann are both in New York — I hope you will be able to send it by one of them —

respectfully yrs W Rotch

New Bedford 3 August 1820

Capt Abraham Ashley

Respected friend

You having command of Brig Alliance now bound to the Coast of Brazil on a whale voyage - will make the best of your way to the cruising ground on the False Bank - Should you be so fortunate as to get some Sperm Oil on your passage out, You will stop at the Cape De Verde Islands & ship it to any port not south of Philadelphia - if shipped to Philadelphia consign it to Joseph S Rapier - New York Fish & Skinner, Boston Josiah Bradlee & Co - mentioning the Owners names & directing them to inform us of the receipt of it. -

Should you be so unfortunate

as not to get 1300 barrels before the season on the Bank expires - you will cruise to the northward for Sperm Oil & avoid going into port to recruit if possible - Wishing you health & a prosperous voyage I remain Your friend

Wm J Rotch

New Bedford Nov 4, 1820

First Lt Grinnell

I request you to send me by the return of the Gardiner 10 bbls Mess Beef - 7 bbls Molasses - & a Camboose of the same size you purchased for Ship Persia - for account of the Owners of Ship Lorenzo -

Nov 21. 1820

Fish & Grinnell

You will oblige me by sending me a Copper Cooler that will hold about 200 gallons as soon as possible for Ship Lorenzo I wish it to be finished except the iron work & now on board, provided if you cannot get one without the iron work &c I request you to send me the Copper suitable for a Cooler of the above dimensions, that we may have it made here - The Lorenzo will be ready for sea by the 10th of next month -

WJR

What will be the premium of Insurance on Ship Lorenzo Capt Coffin from hence to the Pacific Ocean & elsewhere on a whale voyage & back to New Bedford with liberty to touch at all places necessary for refreshments & information - The Lorenzo was built in this place has just been coppered & is well fitted in every respect - she will sail in a day or two - she will take out as passengers a Lady & three children & a gentleman to Valparaiso the ladies husband a native of this place resides at Valparaiso & is in the patriot service - the gentleman is a merchant & goes as protector to the Lady & children & intends residing at Valparaiso to transact mercantile business - The whale ships

generally go into port very soon after they get round Cape Horn to refit & there is no port more convenient than [illegible] — so that the ship will not be taken out of the usual track in consequence of having these passengers on board —
New Bedford Sept 12. 1820

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James Hall Esqr
Pres't N. E. Marine Insur Co
Boston

Annexed is an application for Insurance on Ship Lorenzo, if you be willing to take the risk for 8½ per cent, you may send me a policy for Cons Grinnell & & myself. viz. $2500 on Ship & $2500 on outfits for account of C. Grinnell & & the same amt on Ship & outfits for myself

own

whole amt insured $10,000 – Ship
valued at $12000 – outfits $11.000 –

Wm Rupell

New Bedford 13 Sept 1820

Capt Alexander Coffin 2d

The Ship Lorenzo of
which vessel you have command
being now ready for sea, bound
on a whale voyage to the Pacific
Ocean – you will embrace the first
favourable wind to proceed on your
voyage, touching at one of the Western
Islands for what Vegetables & Stock
you may think necessary to purchase
which we have put on board of the
Ship 3 bbl of Oil & have handed you
30 dollrs – Should you be so fortunate
as to obtain any Oil on your passage
from hence off the Cape De Verd Islands

you will stop at one of those Islands
& ship it to any port in the United
States to the northward of Chesapeak
Bay - should you ship it Norfolk
consign it to John Innis - Phila;
Caleb Hathaway & Co - New York Fish &
Grinnell - Boston or eastward of it
Josiah Bradlee & Co -
We recommend
you to look the ground well over
between the Brazil Bank & the
False Bank, where Sperm whale
are frequently taken -
On your
arrival round Cape Horn you
will procure along the Coast of Chili
without spending much time in
cruising unless you should find
whale - We recommend your stop-
ping at Valparaiso for refreshments &
from thence procure down to the Lee
coast -

coast – From the latest information, the best cruising ground appears wide out to the westward, perhaps the season will not be too far advanced for you to take a short cruise to the westward – Capt Coop of Ship Persia found whale plenty in the Lat. of 5° South Long. 108° – Several Ships which have lately arrived found good whaling in about the same Lat. & Long. & even further to the westward, whale have also been seen near the Sandwich Islands – A Capt Lewis on his passage from the Sandwich Islands to the N.W. Coast, saw whale soon after leaving the Islands & from the Lat. of 35° to 46° N. he saw them in great abundance, during twelve days he stood twelve hours on each tack they were always in sight

sight — We do not wish to confine you to any particular cruising ground but leave you to choose that which in your opinion may appear best — In case you should meet with any accident which may render it necessary to go into port to repair — or should you need a supply of provisions you are at liberty to draw on us for the amount you may need — your drafts you may make payable in New York or Boston as it be necessary —

You have a sufficiency of provisions to last you three years with economy — should be so unfortunate as not to be able to fill your cask with Sperm Oil by the time your provisions are expended

& the Ship so much out of repair as to render it necessary to return home - you must calculate to leave the Pacific Ocean, so as to be on the Brazil Bank at the proper season for whaling and endeavour to fill up the Ship with ~~Right~~ Whale -

We particularly request you to write by every opportunity, giving us all the information that you may think will be useful & interesting & mention how the Ship sails, the State of your crew &c

On your return home, in coming into port, let your signal be the Ensign suspended from the larboard fore topsail yard arm - & your signal flag

on the fore royal mast head—

Wishing you health, a pleasant & successful voyage - I remain with much regard - yr frind

Wm J Rotch

For the owners of Ship Lobengo —

Joseph Grinnell
New York

11 Mo 1. 1820—

I find since I arrived the Duck is not on board— I remember of telling Thomas to put it but I suppose he forgot it— I hope you will discover it is left in time to send it by the Boston, if not please send it by the first opportunity, as we shall want it soon— We have concluded to have a copper boat to the fore main stay - perhaps you can make

a saving by purchasing the Copper
of Mr Moon & employ a Man to make
it, if I recollect right he told me
he would put the Copper at the
same price we paid for the sheathing
Copper – it should hold about
200 gallons – which is the size we ordered
for the Lorenzo – hers weighed 1918 lbs
& cost 53 ct$ per lb without the iron
work – it will be best to have it
made without the iron work or a
hose – We want 9 fathoms full
sized rope for a Brain Stay, which
you will please order Tucker &
Carter to make –

W H

8th Nov. 1820

Jno W Davis
Boston

I expected to have seen you in N Bedford on my return from N York & to have arranged our business relation to the Ship Lorenzo — There is now due 500 dolls to us 1/8th towards her outfits — So far as the bills have been paid, I have paid 1/4th which makes me in advance for you 500 dolls — Will you have the goodness to send me that amt say 500 dolls as soon as convenient — You will probably have an opportunity to send it by some person who resides here in the course of a day or two — When you pay us another visit I will give you a bill of sale & make a transfer of your interest in the policy of Insurance to you —

W D R —

Mo 14. 1820

John W Davis
Boston

Your favor of
13 inst enclosing $20 dolls for Act
of the Artists of Ship Lauzon,
whale voyage I received this
evening. — Will you have the
goodness to pay a small prem.
Note of $37 — to the N.E. Mar. Ins.
Co. for me. I find it was due 12
Sept last if they charge interest
you may allow it. I should not
trouble you with this business
but I have no way so convenient
of paying it. —

Believe me &c

W. J. R.

What will be the premium
of insurance on Ship Parnasso Clemm
Covell Master from hence to the
Pacific Ocean. Idventure on a whale
voyage & back to New Bedford, with
liberty to touch at all places neces-
sary for refreshments & information -

The Parnasso is burthen 236 tons
was built in this place - is Coppered
& copper fastened. Is well fitted
in every respect for her voyage -
she will be ready for sea about
the 1st of next month - she carries
a complement of 21 Men -

N. Bedford 20 Nov. 1820 - W. J. Russell

James Hall Esqr
pres. N. E. M. In. Co.
Boston

New Bedford 20 Nov. 1820

James Hall Esqr
Boston

I will have insured on Ship Sarah $2000 on Outfits & $1000 on Ship for Account of Joseph Grinnell & $800 on Ship & $1300 on Outfits for my own Account provided you will send me a policy at 7½ per cent prem. Ships value is $3000 - Outfits $11000

Respectfully Yours
WJR

N. Bedford 26 Nov. 1820

James Hall Esqr
Boston

The following Gentlemen Owners in Ship Parnassus with to have insurance effected on her during her whale voyage to the Pacific Ocean & thence back to New Bedford viz. Cornelius Grinnell $3800 - Wm. Rowland $3500 - Joshua Aitch $1500. Wm. P. Grinnell $1000 whole amt $9800 -

You may issue me a policy insuring each one the Amt set against their names as above, & fill the same way as the one you sent me on the same Ship at a prem. of 7½ per ct -

Wm. J Rotch

29th Nov. 1820

Jno Waters
Boston

Your favor of 28 inst
I have received with the policy
on Ship Parnasso - to Lenelos'd is
a Note for $736 - for the premium
Respectfully Yours
W T Rupsen

New Bedford 12mo 11 1820

Capt Clement P Coull

Respected friend

The Ship Parnassus being now ready for sea bound on a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocian - I shall give you such information as I am possessed of relative to the cruising ground for Sperm whales and such hints for your government during the voyage as I think may be useful to you — As it is possible you may get some Oil on your passage to the Cape De Verd Islands & have an opportunity to ship it home I will mention to whom you may consign it - if to Norfolk John Innis - Philadelphia Caleb Hathaway & Co. - New York Fish & Grinnell - Boston or eastward of it Josiah Bradlee & Co.

On your way to Cape Horn cross the Brasil Bank so as to pass between that and the False Bank where Sperm whales have frequently been found quite plenty — You will arrive around the Cape at the season of whaling on the Coast of Chili — the season on the Coast of Peru will immediately succeed — Unless you should find whales more plenty on the coast than they have been of late years — you had better spend no more time there, than until the season comes round for cruising to the eastward — Capt Crosby of ship Persia found whales plenty in the Latitude of 5° South Longitude 108° East — Capt Davis Coffin of ship Charles also found them plenty in nearly the same Latitude & Longitude —

Some ships have gone much further to the eastward and have done exceeding well — Whales have also been seen around the Sandwich Islands

and frame thence to the northward as high as
Latitude 46° N. A. Capt Lewis on his passage
from the Sandwich Islands to the north west
Coast of America, stood N.½W and saw
whales soon after leaving the Islands - and from
the Latitude of 35° to 46° N. he saw them in great
abundance during two clear days he stood two
hours on each tack they were always in sight -

I do not give you this information with a
view that you will pursue this course unless
you should fail of getting Oil on the Coast of
Chili and Peru and in cruising under out
to the eastward - You must however be govern
-ed by your own judgment & the information you
get from other Ships in regard to your cruising
ground - but in getting information from them
be extremely cautious, and be satisfy'd the infor
-mation is correct before you pursue any particular
course -

Should you fall in with Capt Crosp of ship Persia consult him relative to your voyage and any information or advice he may give you, you may rely upon — In case you should meet with any accident which may render it necessary to go into port to repair or should you need any refreshments for your crew — You are at liberty to draw on the Owners for the amount necessary for that purpose — Your drafts you may make payable in New York or Boston should it be necessary

You cannot be too particular to have your Oil clean & white — it not only does a master great credit, but the Oil will command a higher price — I wish you to bear it in remembrance that Oil is always highest between the months of October & March — and you must endeavour

to arrive within that time even if you should leave the Pacific Ocean with 100 barrels short of what the Ship will carry —

Be careful not to evade the revenue laws of any port you may enter by Smuggling and whenever you go into a Spanish port keep a watchful eye over the crew and see that they have nothing to smuggle that will subject the Ship to seizure. Should you find any merchandize on board the Ship after you leave here which was put on board for the purpose of Smuggling, throw it over board let it belong to whom it may —

It is of the greatest importance for the prosperity of the voyage as well as for your own comfort, that peace & harmony should prevail among the crew & particularly among the officers as hasty & suspicions which may lead to irritation

Should be carefully avoided and whenever
any differences arise you should use your
endeavours speedily to end them —

Wishing you health, a short and
prosperous voyage —

I remain with much
regard Your friend —
Signed W. J. Rupert —

N. B. Bedford 11 Dec 1852

Henry Hill Esqr
American Consul
Valparaiso

Should Capt Cowell of Ship Pacnapo / bound on a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean / stop at Valparaiso for refreshments, you will oblige me by rendering him any assistance in your power - Should he require any funds for the repairs of his Ship or for provisions, his drafts on me for that purpose will be duly honored -

I am respectfully &c
W. J. Rotch

New Bedford 12th Dec 1820

Capt Alexander Coffin
of Ship Lorenzo
Pacific Ocean

I would not let the Panaso sail without writing you a line, although I have no particular information to give you — I heard from your family a few days since — they were all well —

I would not spend much time in cruising on the coast unless you find whales plenty — but proceed wide out to the westward — if you should not find them there perhaps you had better take the track from the Sandwich Islands to the north, which I mentioned in your orders — you must however be governed by

your own judgment & the information you get from other Vessels - but be satisfied the information you get from others is correct before you pursue any new track - Persevere & fill your Ship as soon as you can - do not be in too great a hurry to come home - if your provisions are exhausted before you fill your cask go in on the coast & purchase more - I think there will be no difficulty in selling a draft on me for that purpose - I shall not expect to see you short of three Years - Oil is now worth 1 dol. pr gallon & upwards by the cargo & every probability of its remaining as high -

There has nothing new of a

political nature occurred since you left - Our Government have not yet concluded a treaty with Spain, but it is soon expected - we have no apprehensions of a war with Spain -

I have given Capt Lovell verbal orders to supply you with any thing from his Ship, you may need that he can spare - Give my respects to Mr Wood & the rest of your Officers - with my best wishes for your welfare I remain very truly

yr friend

W. T. Rupell

Sent a file of newspapers

Port Beaufort 15 Dec. 1820

Capt Covell
of Ship Principio

Since writing your orders it has occurred to me, that I mentioned nothing about your making a protest in case you shd meet with any accident on your voyage - And I wish to impress it on your mind that you may not neglect it - to make a protest in due form, at the first port you land, where there is proper authority to execute it, signed by yourself & Officers & part of the crew - if you should be so unfortunate as to meet with any disasters

W. T. Rapsee

New Bedford 12th Feby 1821

Jno. W. Davis
Boston

I have this day drawn on you at 30 days after date in favor Jos. Ricketson for $500 on account of the outfits of Ship Lorenzo - I have made up the Ships account as far as I can for the present. The outfits will exceed my expectations they will amount to about $16000. - I shall soon I shall be under the necessity of drawing on you again soon & will give you timely notice of it -

I am respectfully Yrs

W. T. Rotch

N Bedford 5th Apl 1821

David Wilkinson & Co
Pawtucket

Annexed is an agreement for a set of screws for a Candle works agreeable to the understanding I have with you D Wilkinson - you will please send me a copy signed by you —

Respectfully Yours
W J Rupell

N Bedford 8th Apl 1821

Tucker & Carter
New York

Your favor of 21st ultimo arrived during my absence from home - which will account for my not attending to it sooner - I hasten to send you what money I have by me at this moment - about is 1 Rickettsons Dft on Fish & Grinnell

for $500- The balance I will for-
ward you in a few days -

Respectfully yr Jr -

W S Rupell

N Bedford 18 Apr 1821

Jno W Davis

Boston

I have this day
drawn on you in favor Jos K
Anthony for 500 Doll At 60 days
after date, which you will please
accept & have to amount of

yr friend

W S Rupell

N. Bedford 9 June 1825

Capt Alex Coffin
of Ship Lorenzo
Pacific Ocean

The Ship Swift
Capt Price arrived here yesterday
& brought us an account of your
having the misfortune to loose
a boats crew by desertion, among
whom was Jones the cooper & that
you had got another cooper from
Seaman from the Sixo. & that you
would proceed to Valparaiso to
get more men - I trust you have
had no difficulty in making up
your crew at Valparaiso, or from
some whaleman bound home - I
hope you will not permit this
circumstance to discourage you

for a moment, but keep up good spirits & inspire into your officers & crew a confidence that you can & will get a voyage. & I have no doubt you will get do well —

We have lately had imporders information from Capt. Allen of Ship Maro respecting the whales on the coast of Japan — the following is a copy of a letter from him to his owners —

" On the 22nd of May we took our anchors at Mowee Sandwich Islands & steered Westerly N — On the 2nd of June discovered a New Island or Rock not laid down in any of our charts Lat 25° 3, Long 167° 40'. judged it to be 150 feet high & about One Mile in circumperance — It has two detached lumps, one on the N E, the other on the S W.

Ann in Lat. 25°28, Long. 170°20 discovered a dangerous Reef - We saw no Whales until we got in Lat 30° N & Long 175° W. We got on the coast of Japan the latter part of June, had thick foggy weather about two weeks - On the 2nd of July we had 200 barrels we took most of our Oil in Lat. 36° N Long. 168° E - to 170 W - We were no further west than Long 168° E - Left the coast 17th Sept & arrived at Maui 27th Oct - He was going from Maui to the coast of California to spend a part of the winter, from there return to the Sandwich Isl. to recruit & procure again to the coast of Japan, which he expected to fill up his Ship in another season. He states that he found Whales very

plenty & that he took 1100 barrels in 3 months - He recommends vessels standing more to the northward than he did, in going from the Sandwich Islands to the coast of Japan, until they get in Lat 36° N & then steer due west -

In addition to the above information from Capt Allen there has been a letter received in this place from Capt Fitch of the Flying Fish, stating that on his passage from Canton to Valparaiso, he saw whales in great abundance in about the same Lat & Long. -

I earnestly recommend to you to pursue the same track Capt Allen took & am in hopes one of the copies of this letter will reach you while you are cruising to the westward next

Sail so that you can proceed to the Sandwich Islands to recruit & from there to the coast of Japan — You must be cautious not to approach near the coast of Japan — the natives are extremely hostile to strangers & would condemn your ship should they get you in their power — At the Sandwich Islands there is great inducement for sailors to desert — you must be constantly on your guard but some of your men should leave you — If you should not have obtained your complement of men before you arrive there, you can get some of the natives, who are said to be good seamen & make good sailors after a little discipline — You have taken ship room enough to bring in

more Oil than was ever brought
into this port - & by the exertion
of all your energy & perseverance
I am in hopes you will accom-
plish it - with regard &c

W. L. Rupell

Sent the above letter by Ship Midas
to be put on board of a whaler bound to the
Pacific Ocean -
18th July sent a copy by ship Abigail

8 July 1821 –

Seth Adams
Providence

I write thank you to send me 30 Casks of Lime of the same quality as you have sent me before by Sloop Mary Ann Capt Norton, on this vessel I expect is now in Prov.ce Charge it to my a/c & oblig.d Yours – Wm.y Rupee

New Bedford 28 Oct 1821

William Sturgis Esqr

Boston

Do you know of a good Ship in Boston for sale of about 360 or 380 tons - not more than three or four years old - Copper fastened & a fast sailer - I want such a Ship for a Whaler, to be ready for sea early next Spring - but if I could get one that would suit me at a price that would answer I would purchase her this fall - Should you know of any Ship of this description, I shall be much obliged if you would inform me of it -

I am respectfully &c

Wm Rotch Jun

New Bedford 11 mo 26 1821

Caleb Hathaway & Co
Philadelphia

Annexed is Invoice of 23 casks of Sperm & Spermaceti Oil shipped per Sloop Henry Capt Howland which you will please dispose of to the best advantage - 3/4 ths of the nett proceeds place to the credit of WR Rotch & Co & 1/4 th to my Cr - I learn lately established a Spermaceti Manufactory in Co with WR Rotch & Co - & should you meet offer a sufficient inducement - we shall be happy to keep you supplied with Oil & candles -

Very respectfully
yr friend
WF Russell

The Henry will be ready to clear her to morrow

sent per Mail

New Bedford 10th Dec 1821

Elisha Hathaway

Boston

I have shipped to you
47 Casks Summer Oil per Sloop Ponona
Capt Atkins as per annexed Invoice which
you will please dispose of to the best
advantage & place three fourths of the
nett proceeds to Cr of W R Rotch & Co & one
fourth to my Cr Respectfully
yr frnd &
WRR

sent per Mail

New Bedford 12 mo 14 1821

David Anthony
Providence

I have made the
another small shipment of Oil per
Sloop Henry as per annexed Invoice
which I am in hopes thou will
be able to work off in the course of
the winter on as good terms as the
last Lots - the Nett proceeds thou
will place to the Cr of Wm R Rotch & Co
& myself as before directed -

Respectfully
Yr Friend
Wm J Rotch

sent per Henry

N Bedford 17 Dec 1821

Gilbert E Russell & Co
New Orleans

Annexed is Invoice of 9 Casks Sperm & 2 bbls Winter Oil shipped to you per Sloop Emily Capt Rogers - which you can recommend to your friends as being perfectly pure - I doubt whether you have ever had any pure Winter Oil in your Market & I have shipped you this small parcel merely for an experiment if it should be approved of. I shall be happy to keep you supplied with any quantity you can dispose of - The nett proceeds you will please remit to John W Russell N York

W & R

7th March 1822

David Wilkinson Esq
Pawtucket

I have sent by the bearer one taught pin follower the bottom plate of which is broken the follower has too much play between the guide bars - which Mr Green observed when he was here - I therefore request you to cast a new top plate as well as the bottom one - Making the recess in which the guide bars play shorter — the distance between the guide bars is one foot 7/8th inches — a quarter of an inch play that is eighth on each side is quite sufficient you will therefore make the top & bottom plates to measure

between the Screws on foot 7 5/8 inches

The screw Nuts has worked well - There is some defect about it which Mr Green thought he could remedy - & promised me as he will recollect to send a man to put it in order whenever the Ships was at liberty - This will be the most proper time to have it done - & I wish you to send one of your men with the Waggon when it returns - I have directed the Coxen to wait until you have made the castings & not to have without them - I hope you will use every exertion to dispatch him as soon as possible - our business

is entirely stopped without the
Daught Just

Respectfully yrs
W J Russell

28th May 1822

Elisha Hathaway
Boston

Shall I trouble
you to make an application for
Insurance at the offices in Boston
on Ship Alliance Capt Coffin
of this port on a whale voyage to
the Pacific Ocean - The Alliance
is 235 tons - is coppered to the Wales
mans then boats & is fitted in every
respect in the best manner - She
sailed from here on the 23 inst
& got safe to sea - If they do not
let a higher prem. than 6½ pr ct
I wish you to have $6000 insured

four men half on Ship & half on
outfits - Ship valued @ $ 8000. outfits
$8000 - The Alliance can be insured
at the office in this place as low as
low as any vessel belonging to the port
but our underwriters have taken
advantage of the Rumour of a
Spanish War to raise the prem.
on whale ships - Insurance has
repeatedly been effected on whale
Ships to the Pacific Ocean @ 6½ p
c. I consider the Alliance better
than a common risk, as she is
a small Ship, will not bring more
than 1500 bbls. is a very fast Sailer
& has the same number of men
as Ships that carry 2000 bbls upwards
you will please be particular to

have the policy filled up in the usual way viz." to the Pacific Ocean & elsewhere on a whale voyage with liberty to stop at all places necessary for refreshments - I will give my note for the prem. when I receive the policy - I duly rec'd yours of 9th inst. for which I am much obliged -

WLR

5 mo 31. 1822

John W Davis
Boston

Enclosed is my Acc bal. due me $391.80 for which I have drawn on you this day in favr Lo Ricketson D 30 days after date for $393.97 - Interest on $391.80 33 days is $2.17 making the exact balance $391.80 - There is necessarily blended in my Acc with Ship Lorenzo charges

which you have nothing to do with
you will perceive I have credited
you with 1/8th of $1112.24 - being Amt
of bills contracted on her last Mer-
chant voyage - & charged you with
1/8th of $1610.93 being a balance due the
Ship from Friends previous to your being an
owner - My A/c with the Ship I
will forward to you shortly you
with it - or you can examine it
when you visit Boston

With Much Regard
Yr friend
WLR

1st June 1822

Caleb Hathaway & Co

Phila

Annexed is Invoice of 30 Boxes Candles shipped per Sloop William Capt which you will not sell for less than 37 cts 4 months cr - Your favor of 14th Ult to hand duly rec'd - The error in your A/c Sales of 23 Casks Oil - in dividing the Net proceeds - I noticed & corrected it when I made the entry on my books - it is otherwise correct -

We have a large quantity of Summer Oil on hand & shall be happy to make you a shipment whenever the Market offers sufficient inducement - at present we are not inclined to sell at less than 70 cts -

We have also about 50 bbls very

mix pale Winter Oil suitable for glass Lamps - can you sell any this Summer & at what price -

Respectfully yr frd
Wm J R

27 June 1822

Josiah Bradlee & Co
Boston

It is a long time since I have rec'd any of your esteemed favors - I shall be obliged by your informing me how much of the Winter & Summer Oil you have on hand which I have shipped to you & for what amt I may draw on you individually or agt Sales of Oil - The Winter Oil you have on hand belonging to W R Ratch & Co &

myself I request you to hold at 90 cts
& the Summer at 100 — Air is on the
rise & I have no doubt it will sell
at those prices in the course of two
months — Respectfully yrs &c
W L R

23 July 1822

Hall & Marean
Baltimore

Annexed is Invoice
of 53 Boxes Spurm Candles shipd
to you per Sloop Victory Capt
which you will not sell
for less than 37 cts 4 m. cr — 3/4 Hs of
the Nett proceeds place to the credit of Robt
L. Cs & 1/4 th to myr cr — Candles in the
Summer months should be kept in
a cool Cellar — the last will stain
the paper a little if they are exposed
to the heat — This parcel is of a
over

superior quality - being very white & very dry pressed - I will warrant them to stand the heat of any climate -

Respectfully &c
W I R

9 mo 2. 1822

Caleb Hathaway
Phil a —

Your favours of 1st. 15th & 28th ultimo were duly rec - The first mentioning the dissolution of the firm of C Hathaway & Co - The 15th & 28th advising the early shipment of Sperm Oil - I shall be happy to continue my consignments of Oil & Candles to you. Your Sales so far have been very satisfactory - I have been looking for an opportunity for some time

past to make you a shipment of Sperm Oil - but could not find any vessel bound to your port - the Sloop William is now on a trip to Passay & will return in about a dozen days then proceed immediately to Phila if there is no vessel going in the mean time - I shall send by her 100 bbls Sperm Oil & 20 or 30 bbls Winter & 100 boxes Candles - this quantity I thought would be as much as you could dispose of this Fall - if however you think you can sell 200 or 300 bbls of Sperm Oil. & 75 to 800 I could ship that quantity or even more - I will also send you a supply for the Winter a little later in the season - please inform me by return of mail the quantity of both Oil & candles you can dispose of this Fall & how much during the Winter

There is much less Sperm Oil in Manufacturers hands this year than there was last year both here & at Nantucket. & I have no doubt the price will go up to 80 ct. I have had a small parcel sold in Boston lately at 78 ct—

Respectfully Yr friend
W Russell

4 Sept 1822

Hall & Marean
Baltimore

I have this day drawn on you in favr Jo Ricketson for $175 at sight which you will please pay & charge to my Acct—

Your favr of 21 ult to acknowledging the receipt of 53 Boxes Candles per Sloop Victory & of your having sold them for 36 ct Cash was duly rcd. The sale is satisfactory — I shall ship you

by the first opportunity 100 boxes
Candles & some Sum Oil —

Respectfully yr Ob
W L R

please inform me the quantity of Sum
Oil you can dispose of this Fall —
Sum Oil has risen in N York & Boston
to 75 ct — Winter 90 to 100 ct —

6 Sept 1832

Caleb Atwater
Phila

I am shipping
on board Sloop Ann Capt Wood
for Phia consigned to you about
2800 gals Sum Oil 30 bbls Winter
& 100 boxes Candles — I give you
this information by Mail that you
may take the advantage of making
sales previous to its arrival should
you have an opportunity — The Sum
Oil you are at liberty to sell or the

whaf at 75 c. if taken in store 78 c. on
a day not more than 4 months —
Winter Oil 100 c. Candles 37 c. —
The Oil is all of the best quality
& the Candles I consider rather
superior to any I have yet sent
you. I will warrant them to with-
stand the heat of any climate.
If you can encourage another
shipment in the course of a month
I will make it with pleasure —
The Ann will leave to morrow

Respectfully yr &c
W. T. Russell

7 Sept 1822

Josiah Bradlee & Co
Boston

Inclosed you have
Invoice of 20 Casks Sperm Oil per Sloop
Bedford Capt Hitch, which you
are at liberty to sell on the wharf
at 75 ⅌ Gl not more than 4 Months
or 78 ⅌ if taken in Store — This Oil was
manufactured early last Spring & has
now been racked off from large Casks
& I think will bear recommending —
3/4 lbs of the 1st procuds plan to the Co
of 10 R R Rotch & Co & 1/4 lb to my Co —

Respectfully Yours
W. Rotch

17 Sept 1822

Gilbert E Russell & Co

New Orleans

Annexed you
have Invoice of 100 Boxes Candles
& Casks of ~~bot~~ Strained Sperm
Oil - which will be shipped to you
by one of the Packets from New York by
Ino W Russell - You will dispose
of it to best advantage & remit the
nett proceeds to Ino W Russell N York
directing him to place 3/4ths to the Cr
of W R Ratch & Co & 1/4th to my Cr - This
Oil is pure Sperm of the best quality
& the Candles I think you will find
to be equal if not superior to any you
have ever had in your Market -

Respectfully Yr Sd
Wm J Russell

17 Sep 1832

Jno W Rupell
New York

I have put on board
Sloop Eliza Nicoll 100 Boxes Sperm
Candy & 12 Casks of Oil to be sent
to G E Rupell & Co New Orleans. I
wish you take charge of it & ship
it by ~~one of the packets~~ the N Orleans
Packet which sails on the 1st of Oct
Capt Perry has agreed to haul along
side of the packet to deliver it. I
request you to see it is in good order
when it goes on board. I have it coopied
if it should need it — Very truly Yours
W S Rupell

30 Sept 1822

Hall & Marian
Baltimore

Annex you have Invoice of 150 Boxes Spurm Candles & 12 Casks Gum Oil per Sloop Experiment Capt Deaton - The Candles you are at liberty to sell at 37 Cts on a Cr of not more than 4 months - or 36 Cts Cash by the quantity. they are of the same quality as the last shipment - The Oil you are at liberty to sell at 75 Cts on the wharf - if taken in Store 78 Cts The Oil I will warrant to be good. The Market for Gum Oil has been so low that I dare not venture to send you a large quantity - but should there be much demand for it at the prices I have limited you I shall be happy to make you another consignment - I have put on board the Experiment a Keg of Gum Oil marked on the head MG gauge 27 gallons, which

I request you will have the goodness to forward to Michael Graham at Wheeling on the Ohio River by one of the Waggons from your City & take a receipt of the waggoner & forward it to me Graham

Respectfully yr friend
W. Russell

4 Oct. 1822

Black & Keith
Charleston S.C.

Annexed you have Invoice of 10 Casks of strained Sperm Oil per Sloop Ann Capt which you will dispose of to best advantage & remit the Nett proceeds to Henry Grinnell Merchant New York subject to my order. This Oil is of the best quality. I will warrant it to be pure Sperm Oil & to burn well. I am interested in a Spermaceti Manufactory & shall always have more or less Sperm

Oil & Candles to dispose of - should
your Market offer sufficient inducement I shall be happy to continue
my consignments to you -

14 Oct 1822

Elisha Hathaway
Boston

Your favr of 9th inst
covering A/c Sales of 47 Casks Lamp
Oil was duly rec'd - they are correct
& satisfactory - In reply to your
enquiry respecting Candles I have
to say you are at liberty to sell
at 36 & 4 months Cr - I regret on
your A/c as well as my own - your
Market has been so low for Oil &
Candles this fall - the prices have
been so much higher Southward that
I have made all my shipments that
way - shd there be any alteration you
will please inform me of it W T R

16 Oct. 1822

David Anthony
Providence

Your favor of 10th
inst was duly rec'd. I find my limits
for Sperm Oil are too high for your
market. I have now to request
you to sell it at the market price
in your place. I am anxious to
dispose of all our present stock this
Fall & wish you to sell it off by the
middle of next month. That then
may soon lay on the Wintes.
I shall send you a small parcel
of Sperm Oil by the Henry say 4 or 500
galls. she will sail in 2 or 3 days
How do you progress in selling Candles
If they will sell more readily you are
at liberty to put them at 36 & 4 mo Cr
Respectfully &c
W & R

15 Oct 1822

Josiah Bradlee & Co
Boston

I have this day drawn on you for $350 at sight in favor of Lt Ricketson which by you will please pay & charge to my A/C - Ship 20 Casks of Sum Oil sent you per Sloop Beaford I wish you to dispose of as soon as possible as I am anxious to close our present stock of Oil - if it will not sell at 75 ¢ you may put it at 74 & 4 mos Cr

Respectfully &c
WLR

16 Oct 1822

Caleb Hathaway
Phi'a

Your several esteemed favors were all duly rec'd. your A/C Sales of 13 Casks of Winter Oil is correct. I am anxious to sell off all our Oil this Fall that I may close our present stock. I therefore withdraw my limits. I request you to keep pace with the Market & do the best you can with it. if you cannot get 80 cts for Sperm & 95 cts for Winter Oil put it at 75 cts & 90 or even lower if you cannot sell it by the middle of next month at those prices. the Candles you are at liberty to sell at 26 cts 4 months all the Oil & Candles I have sent you are of the best quality. & I am not afraid to compare them with any manufactures.

17 Oct 1822

David Anthony
Providence

Annex'd you have
Invoice of 12 Casks Lubn Oil ship-
ped by ~~Wm~~ T. Rodd per Sloop
Henry - which you will dispose
of to best advantage - 3/4 ths of the net
proceeds place to the Cr of Wm R
Rotch & C 1/4 to my Cr -

Respectfully &c
Wm J R —

170 P 1852

Gilbert E Russell & Co

New Orleans

Annex you
have Invoice of 12 Casks strained
Sperm Oil per Sloop Justin a
Capt Allen – which you will dispose
of to best advantage – 3/4ths of the nett
proceeds place to the Cr of Wm K
Roach & Co 1/4th to my Cr – This
Oil is of the best quality & I will
warrant it to burn cold –

very truly yrs

W T Russell

20 Oct. 1822

John W Russell
New York

Annex'd you
have Invoice of 29 Casks Sperm Oil
4 Casks of best Pale Winter & 6 bbls
dark Winter Oil - per Sloop Shep-
herdess Capt Wood, which you will
dispose of to best advantage - 3/4 Ins
of the Nett was plan to C. of Wm.
Rotch & Co & 1/4 to my Co -

The Sperm & Pale Winter Oil I
will warrant to be as good as can be
made - the dark Winter will stand
the cold weather as well as any Oil I
have seen but it is very dark & therefore
must be sold at a reduced price -
I wish you to make Sale of the whole
of this parcel on the best Terms you can
this Fall - & be sure & not let any of it
remain over the Winter - I wish you

to render A/c Sales of the Summer Oil
seperate from the Winter - as it belongs
to another stock. — The Candles
you have remaining on hand I hope
you will be able to dispose of this
Fall - you may put them as low as
any Next Season brings on sale -
I expect by the time this reaches
you - you will be settled again
in your store - If you have not
remov'd when Capt Wood arrives
he has agreed to wait until you
do remove — very truly yrs &c

Wm J R

20 Oct 1822

Caleb Hathaway

Philadelphia

Before this reaches you - you receive a consignment of 30 Casks of Sperm Oil from Henry Gibbons of New York - I made this Shipment to him before I had received your letter advising me of a large quantity having arrived from Nantucket & your giving directions to ship it to you in case he could not sell it in New York at my limits - There has so much Oil been sent to your City from Nantucket that I fear it will be very dull & must be sold at reduced prices -

The object of this is to request

you to use every exertion to make
sale of all the Oil I have sent
you this Fall. on the best terms
you can & be sure & not let any
of it remain over the Winter. I
had rather sell Linseed Oil at
72 ¢ now than take the chance
of the market next Spring —

Respectfully &c

W L R

23 Oct. 1822

Caleb Nathaway
Phia

Rec'd your favor of 18th inst last evening - I regret there should be any complaint against New Bedford Oil - I trust it is none of my manufacture - if it is I cannot account for the cause - for I have taken unwearied pains to make it as good as possible - you will oblige me by informing me who it does belong to - I am pleas'd to hear you have succeeded so well in the sale of Sum Oil - Your sales are better than any I have had this Fall - I wrote you on the 20th inst advising you to sell all our Oil this Fall & not let any of it lay over the Winter - even if you sell it at a reduced price - I am apprehensive it will be low next Spring - Respectfully &c W & R

29th Oct. 1822

Hall & Marean
Baltimore

Your favor of 9th inst
I have rec'd. I regret to hear your
market for Sperm Oil is so low.
If you cannot obtain 72 cts for the
parcel I have sent you - I request
you to ship it to New York at as
low a freight as possible & consign
it to Fish & Grinnell - whenever
you want a further supply of Casks
you will please inform me

Respectfully &c
Wm F R

6 Nov 1825

Fish & Grinnell

You will receive
12 Casks of Sum Oil from Hall &
Moran of Baltimore which you
will dispose of to best advan-
tage - plan 3/4 th of the net proc to
the C of W R Rotch & 1/4 th to my
C - This Oil would not sell for
70 c in Baltim. I thot it could
not do worse in N York tho' it
it shipped to you - I hope you
will be able to dispose of all
our Sum Oil this fall - I had
rather sell it at 70 c than have
it lay over the winter -

Wm R

7 Nov 1822

Henry Grinnell
New York

Annexed you have
Invoice of 37 Casks Sperm Oil
per Sloop Rosetta, which you
will dispose of to best advantage
plase 3/4ths of the nett proceeds to the Cr
of Wm Rotch & Co & 1/4th to my Cr
This is the last of our Sperm Oil
except a few bbls which is yet to
be inspected - I am anxious you sh
make sale of this parcel soon that
I may close the Stock - You are at
liberty to sell it at one cent per gal.
less than the market price for a New
Bedford Oil -

Wm Rotch

Mem^m of Labour P^d for measuring Salt

1816

May 28 P^d for discharging 52 bushels — — — .25

30 " — D^o — 120 — D^o — — — — .43

6 mo 8 " — D^o — — 152 — D^o — — — .93½

" — 10 " — D^o — — 116 — — — — — .62

" — 21 — — D^o — — 200 — — — — — 1.12½

22 — — D^o — — 300 — — — — — 1.62½

" — 24 — — D^o — — 100 — — — — — .56

" — 27 — — D^o — — 80 — — — — — .37½

" — 29 — — D^o — — 132 — — — — — .67

" 28 — — — D^o — 1100 — — — — — 6.44

1.20

7 mo 4 — — — D^o — 700 — — 2.34 — — 4.29

" — 17 — — — D^o — — 52 — — — — — .25

" — 18 — — — D^o — 180 — — — — — .68

" 30 — — — D^o — 100 — — — — — .37½

2.25

8 mo 2 — — — D^o — 1200 — — 3.00 — — 5.25

" — " — — — D^o — 108 — — — — — .87½

" 19 — — — D^o — — 96 — — — — — .82

" 25 — — — — — — 150 — — — — — .62½

" 27 — — — — — — 128 — — — — — .50

" " — — — 1811 — — 120 — — — — — .37½

" " — — — — — — 100 — — — — — .37½

31 — — — — — — 300 — — — — — 1.62

9 mo 25 — — — — — — 80 — — — — — .37½

26 — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

29.43½

Sales of Ship Lorenzo's Salt

1816			no bus	price	
may 28	Sands Wing delivid on board				
Ent P	Schr Romeo of Falmouth		52	55	28 60
	4 month Credit				
" 30th	Sands Wing Cash ~~Credit~~		120	55	
	4 month ~~Credit~~				
Ent "	delivid on board Schr Hope				
	of Nantucket				
6 mo 1	Cash for 7 bus @ 60 cts		7		4 20
6 mo 2	" Cash for 3½ bus dirty @ 30		3½		1 05
6 mo 8	Cash for 152 bus		152	56	81 12
"	Sold Ebenr Smith of Holmes Hole				
6 mo 10	Sold Lemr Tobey & Elijah				
	Robinson 116 bushls @ 58 cts				
	delivid on board Schr Lively		116	58	67 28
	of N Bedford for which I				
	have their Note 4 month				
6 mo 21.	Capt Joseph Fish delivid				
	on board Sloop Aurora				
	of Westport Capt Lowry				
	Owner 200 bushls @ 58 cts		200	58	116 "
	4 month & chargd to owner				
	of Sloop Aurora				
			650		

Sales of Lorenzo's Salt continued —

6mo 22. Sold Capt Baker for
Owners & crew of Sch Planket
Ent of Dennis Capt bo 300 bushels
@ 56 2/3 cents if pd in two months
& 58 cts if it does not run time — 174

6mo 24. Nathaniel Hervidoo bus @ 56 cts
Ent 4 months with interest —
delivered on board Sch Amazon 156.

6mo 27. Wanton Howland for
Ent Sch Primrose of Dartmouth
80 bushels @ 55 cts Cash — — — 44 "

6mo 27. Capt Kilby of Sch Violet of
Dartmouth Joseph Gifford
Ent Owner 132 bushels @ 58 cts
4 months Credit (no note taken) 76.56

6mo 28 Caleb Anthony for Sch
Prospect Capt Hedge of
Ent Dartmouth 1100 bushels @ 57 cts 627. "
4 months credit —

7mo 4 Capt Nathan Nickerson
Ent Owners & crew of Schr Bethiah
& Betsy of Glastenbury Connecticut
700 bus - @ 57cts 4 month —— £399..

7mo 17 Capt James Nickerson Owners &
Ent crew of Sloop Hornet of Westport
52 bus. @ 58cts 4 months —— 30.16

7mo 18 Capt Baker for Sloop Hiram
of Dartmouth
180 bus. 58cts 4 months —— 102.40

7mo 30 Stephen Tabor 100 bushels 56cts 56..

8mo 2. Delivd Capt Cahoon on
a/c 1000 bushels Sold Covey &
Tompkins of Westport pr their
Order — 1200 bushels @ 55cts 4 mos — 660..

Capt Robertson on a/c Do
108 bus. @ 55cts —— —— 59.40

8mo 19 Sarah Wing for Schr Romeo of
Falmouth 96 bus. 55cts —— —— 52.80

8mo 25 Sloop Boston 152 bus. @ 50 2 mos 76.
27 Sch Betty Franklin of
Dartmouth 128 bus. @ 50 2 mos 64.
" Sloop Hornet of Westport
126 bus. @ 50 2 mos 60.
8mo 31 Deliver'd Capt Robeson of Sch
Lively pr Order from Corp's Tompkins
100 bushels @ 55
9mo 25 Shipped pr Sloop Packet
up the North River consigned
to Jehaziel Jenny, for Sale 300 bushels
" 26 Deliver'd on board Sloop
Fame Capt Seabury 80 bus.
pr Order fm Corp's Tompkins
10mo 3 Shipped pr Sloop Regulator
Capt Chadwick to Alexandria
526 bushels
10mo 3 Sold Capt Chadwick Deliver'd
on board Sloop Regulator 526 bus.
" " Deliver'd the balance of Salt Sold
Sold Corp's Tompkins on board Sloop
Regulator 572 bushels

Sales of 29 bbls Flour for Act Owners of Ship Lorenzo per Sloop Regulator Capt Chadwick from Alexandria being the nt proceeds of 526 bushels Salt shipped per Sloop Regulator to Alexandria for sale.

1	6	Cash for 1 bbl. sold Thos Warfield	$ 10.50
"	"	Elkanah Tallman 2 bbls @ $10 1/4	20.50
7		Walter Chapman 1 bbl	10.50
"		Corn Grinnell Jr 2 " @ 10 1/4	20.50
"		F. Smith & Co 16 " " 10 1/4	164. "
"		Cash 1 "	10.50
"		Sent to E. Sayres to bake for Ship Lorenzo 6 " 10 1/4	61.50
		29 bbls	$ 298 "

Charges

Freight from Alexandria on 29 bbls @ 50 cts		14.50
Wharfage @ 3 cts		" 87
Cartage 25 cts		25
		15.62
		$ 282.38

Dr Fish & Grinnell

1819
Sept. To balance of a/c at this date 821.45

Contra Cr

1819

Dec 8 By Dft in favr S. Russell
60 ds after date for —— $120.00

Jan 20 By Dft in favr Jas. Richardson
60 ds after date for —— 150.00

Mch 1 By Dft in favr M K Ritch & Co
at sight for —— —— —— 400.00

July 8 3 Shirts
10 Cravats
4 Silk handkerchiefs
1 waistcoat
1 pr stockins
1 pr pantaloons